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(b) conveyor belt lengths;

wherein the treads or belt lengths are joined to define a grid formation.

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24. (TWICE AMENDED) A retaining wall as claimed in any one of the claims 1, 21, 22, or 23 wherein the plurality of courses define a row and wherein a plurality of rows are arranged adjacent to the embankment.

25. (AMENDED) A method for forming a retaining wall for retaining an F2 embankment or similar comprising the steps of:

(a) forming a base for the retaining wall adjacent to the embankment and that slopes downwardly to the embankment from surrounding ground; and

(b) arranging a plurality of tyres in a plurality of courses adjacent to the embankment and along the base, such that a central axis of each tyre in the retaining wall is inclined in both vertical and horizontal.

Sub H1 F3

46~~44~~. (TWICE AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim ~~41~~ 42 wherein the elements are tyres.

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~~48~~46. (AMENDED) A method as claimed in claim ~~41~~ 42 wherein the outer face of the wall is formed by using a method comprising the steps of:

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(a) forming a base for the retaining wall adjacent to the embankment and that slopes downwardly to the embankment from surrounding ground; and

(b) arranging a plurality to tyres in a plurality of courses adjacent to the embankment and along the base.

Sub H1 F0

~~15~~48. (Amended) A retaining wall for retaining an embankment or similar structure including:

Sub H1 F5

an outer portion formed from a plurality tyres that are arranged adjacent to the embankment with the tyres in the outer portion having an intact tread [portion]; a reinforcing section extending rearwardly into the wall from the outer portion and being formed from:

(a) longitudinal strips formed from tyre treads; or

(b) conveyor belt lengths.

Add new claims 53 and 54, as follows:

Sub H1 F6 44 58. (NEW) A method as claimed in claim 42 43 wherein the elements are tyres.

45 54. (NEW) A method as claimed in claim 58 44 wherein at least some of the tyres have an intact tread portion.